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REMARKS


Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-56 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-8 and 47-55 to Group I as being drawn to an induction heating system, claims 9-18, 39-46 and 56 to Group II as being drawn to a method of operating an induction heating system, claims 19-24 to Group III as being drawn to a method of shrink fitting components, claims 25-27 to Group IV as being drawn to a method of coating a portion of a workpiece, claims 28-33 to Group V as being drawn to a method of repairing a pipe by welding, and claims 34-38 to Group VI as being drawn to a method of polishing a shaft.

Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-8 and 47-55 of Group I. Therefore, Applicant has canceled claims 9-45 and 46 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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